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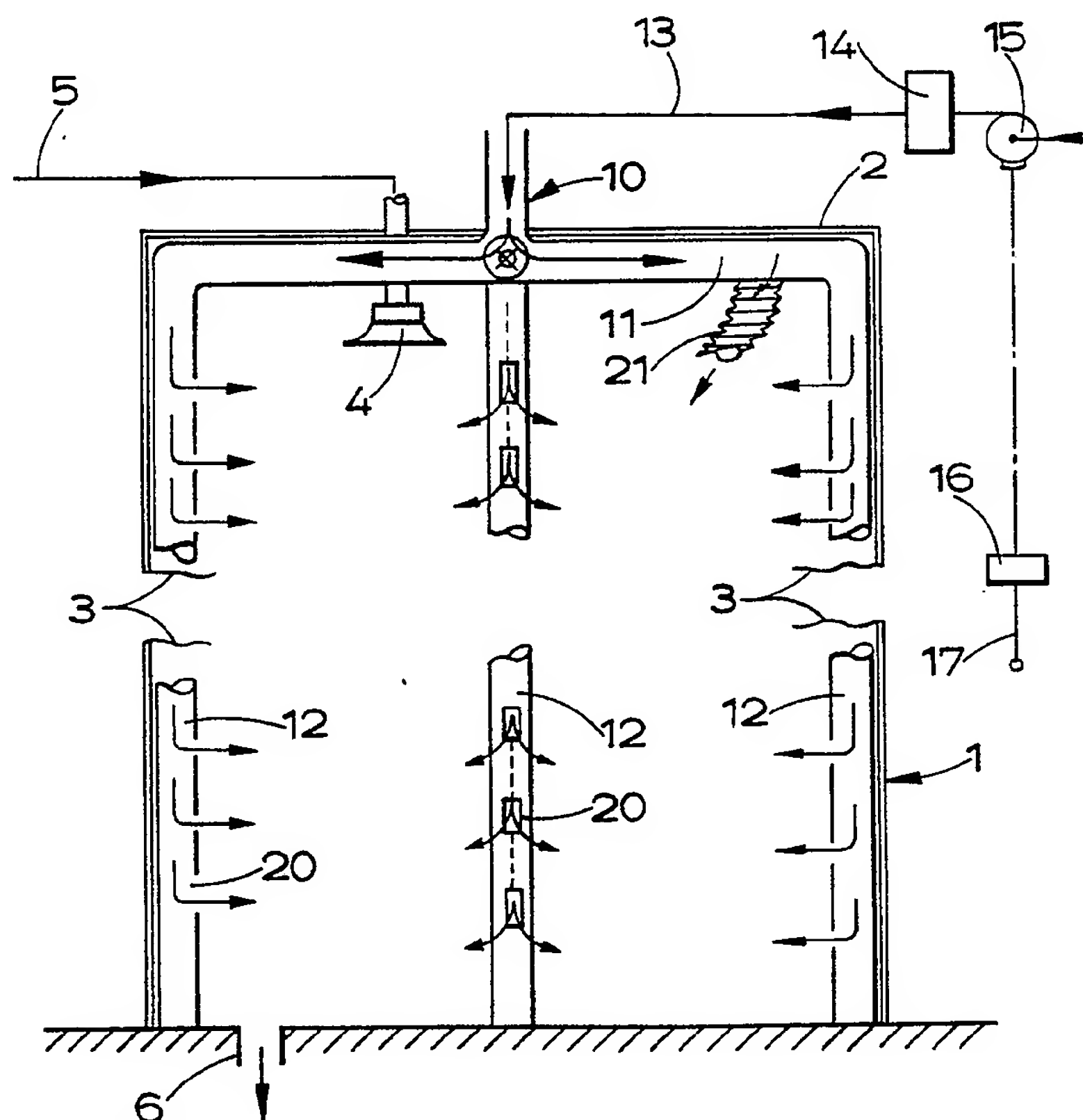
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(54) Improvements in or relating to shower cubicles

(57) A shower cubicle 1 has a ceiling 2 and four walls 3, enclosing a movable shower head 4 connected, by a supply line 5, to a source of water. The cubicle 1 also has a floor-disposed drain outlet 6.

In accordance with the invention, the shower cubicle 1 is provided with means 10 for discharging body-drying air into the cubicle.

The means 10 comprise overhead ducting 11 and side ducting 12 connected thereto, also an air supply line 13, a heater 14 and a blower 15. The heater/blower unit 14/15 is under the control of a switch 16 operable by a pull-cord 17.

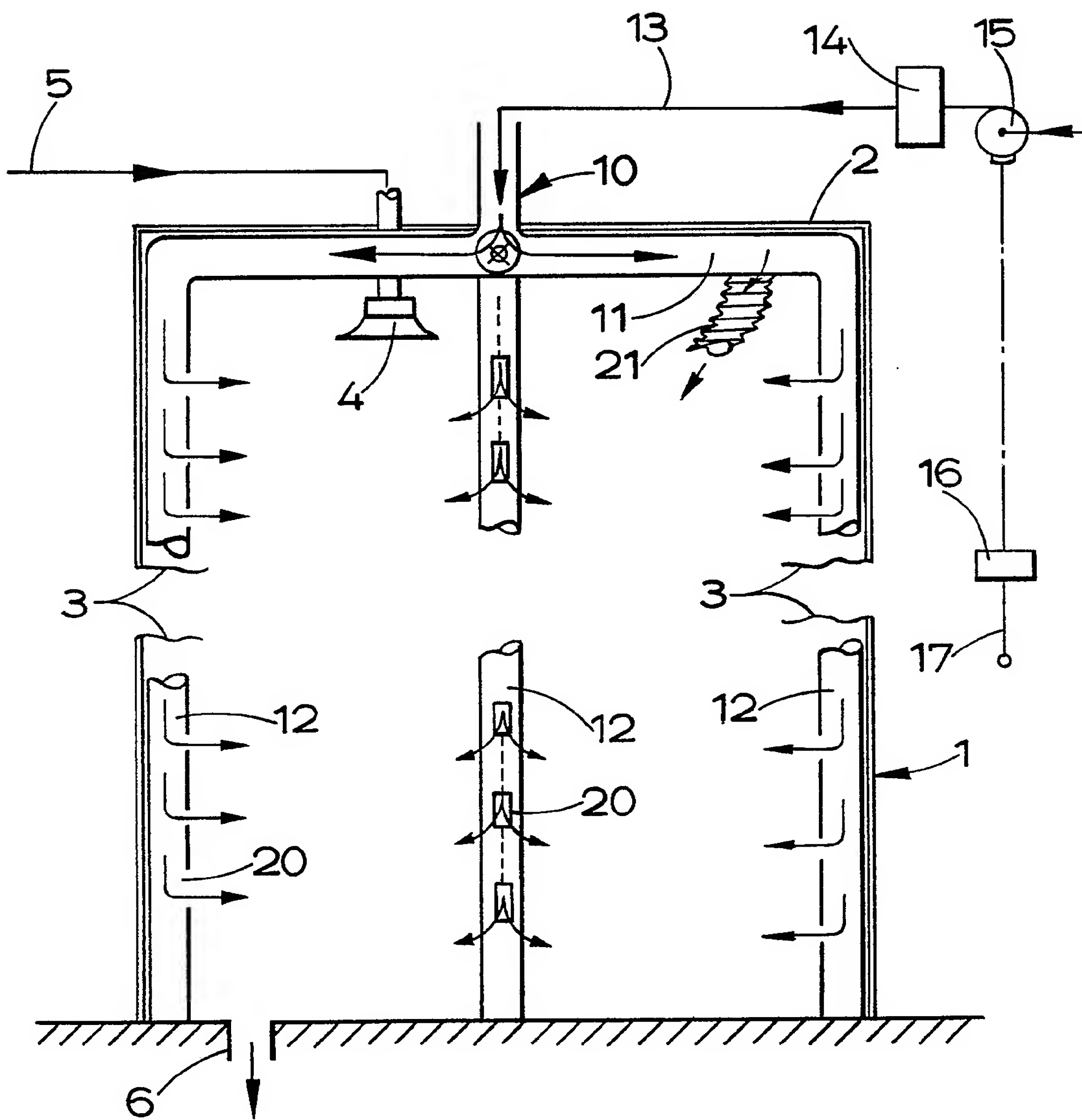


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IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO SHOWER CUBICLES

This invention relates to shower cubicles.

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As used herein, the term "shower cubicle" is not intended to be restricted to purpose-built cabinets but also includes partitioned-off areas of baths.

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According to the invention, a shower cubicle is provided with means for discharging body-drying air into the cubicle.

The said means may comprise overhead and/or side ducting formed with discharge vents.

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At least part of the ducting may be of flexible construction whereby its position may be varied by manual manipulation.

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An embodiment of the invention will now be described by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawing, which is a side view, in section, of a shower cubicle according to the invention.

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With reference to the drawing, a purpose-built shower cubicle is illustrated thereby, having a ceiling 2 and four walls 3, enclosing a movable shower head 4 connected, by a supply line 5, to a source of water.

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The cubicle 1 is provided with a floor-disposed drain outlet 6.

In accordance with the invention, the shower cubicle 1 is provided with means 10 for discharging body-drying air into the cubicle.

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The means 10 comprise overhead ducting 11 and side ducting 12 connected thereto, also an air supply line 13, a heater 14 and a blower 15. The heater/blower unit 14/15 is under the control of a

switch 16 operable by a pull-cord 17.

5 The overhead ducting 11 comprises four lengths extending outwardly from a central, interconnecting position, in cruciform array, as viewed from above. The air supply line 13 is connected to the central portion of the ducting 11.

10 The side ducting 12 comprises four upright lengths, the upper ends of which are connected to the outer ends of the lengths comprising the overhead ducting 11. The lower ends of the lengths of ducting 12 are blind-ended. All the lengths comprising the ductings 11, 12 are removably secured in place by clips (not shown).

15 The lengths comprising the side ducting 12 are each perforated by a row of discharge vents 20, which may incorporate shutters whereby airflow through the vents is controlled.

20 In this example, the lengths comprising the overhead ducting 11 are not perforated by vents corresponding to vents 20, but may be so formed, if desired.

25 The overhead ducting 11 is provided with a flexible extension 21 whereby, being flexible, its position can be varied by manual manipulation. For example, for use in drying the hair.

Alternatively, or in addition, the side ducting 12 can be provided with a flexible extension corresponding to extension 21.

30 The ductings 11, 12 are preferably of plastics material.

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CLAIMS

1. A shower cubicle provided with means for discharging body-drying air into the cubicle.
- 5 2. A shower cubicle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said means comprise overhead and/or side ducting formed with discharge vents.
- 10 3. A shower cubicle as claim in claim 1 or 2, wherein at least part of the ducting is of flexible construction whereby its position may be varied by manual manipulation.
- 15 4. A shower cubicle as claimed in claim 2, provided with overhead ducting comprising four lengths extending outwardly from in inter-connecting position.
- 20 5. A shower cubicle as claimed in claim 4, provided with side ducting comprising four lengths extending downwardly from the four lengths of overhead ducting.
- 25 6. A shower cubicle as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 5, wherein the ducting is removably secured in place by clips.
- 30 7. A shower cubicle as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 6, wherein the ducting is of plastics material
8. A shower cubicle, substantially as hereinbefore described, with reference to the accompanying drawing.
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